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William Berg, City Council President
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**BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT
MEETING MINUTES
DPW Conference Room, 3rd Floor City Hall
Wednesday June 10, 2015**

Call to Order. Called to order at 11:17am by Richard C. David, Mayor

Board Members Present: Chuck Shager, Comptroller; Richard Perkins, Acting City Engineer; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Terry Kellogg, DPW Commissioner; Richard C. David, Mayor

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk; Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Lai Huynh, Deputy City Clerk

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Permanent Easement for Portion of 70-72 Court Street. Request to enter into an agreement for a permanent easement for a portion of 72 Court Street, submitted by 33 State Street Associates. Alan Pope, Andrew Urso and Larry Pasquale attended the meeting held January 15, 2014 to discuss the proposal. The Board reviewed this matter, and concluded that any agreement should be limited to the space required for a stairway, but should not include space for a patio. The Board of Contract and Supply approved a Request for Sealed Bids for 70-72 Court Street at a meeting held on February 12, 2014. Such Request for Sealed Bids includes a restriction stating that the sale would be subject to a permanent easement for pedestrian ingress and egress from a basement stairwell at 92 State Street, but that construction above the stairwell would be permitted. Kenneth J. Frank to discuss the details of the permanent easement with Mr. Pope. Kenneth J. Frank sent a letter to Mr. Pope requesting a better description of the distances of the proposed easements

Donation of 40 The Circuit Street. Helen Turan sent a letter on March 16, 2015 stating that she would like to donate 40 The Circuit Street to the City of Binghamton.

Response from Assessor: Scott Snyder responded on March 19, 2015 stating that he has no objection to this due to the fact that it could be a good addition to the flood control/runoff properties. Scott Snyder also stated that this is a residential vacant lot that borders a creek on the right as you look at it and a private residence on the left. It is not a very level lot that slopes towards the creek on the left. From what I can see there are not any outstanding tax issues. I believe that it has been for sale now and again.

Response from PHCD: Juliet Berling responded on March 20, 2015 stating that it appears that it's a vacant wooded lot that is adjacent to a similar lot that is owned by the City. Only difference between the two that I can see is that the City owned lot is fenced in and some kind of rock construction maybe for a drainage or sewer. I checked and I can't find any code violations on the property or past problems.

Response from Economic Development: No response.

Response from Code: Tom Costello responded on May 19, 2015 stating that he supports and recommends approval of accepting donation of this property.

E&A Action: Richard Perkins will review the property and report back to the rest of the Board members. Jeremy Pelletier will contact adjacent property owner to see if they are interested in the property. If the property owner is not interested in the property then Jeremy Pelletier will send a letter to Ms. Turan stating that the City is not interested in accepting the property.



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Donation of 16 Second Street. Wells Fargo stated on May 8, 2015 that they would like to donate 16 Second Street to the City of Binghamton with \$15,000 in lieu of property demolition.

Response from Assessor: Scott Snyder responded on May 19, 2015 stating whether they would be interested in donating the property to VINES.

Response from Economic Development: No Response

Response from Code: Tom Costello responded on May 19, 2015 stating that he is concerned about the disposition of "seller concession in lieu of demo." Our concern is based on the current condition of the properties and the immediate necessity for demolition. If these funds are provided to the City, is it the intention of the municipality to dedicate those funds for the purpose of demolishing those same houses. If not, we do not support the initiative because there are no municipal resources available to manage that type of vacant property. They are extremely blighted and should be demolished with priority.

Response from PHCD: Juliet Berling responded on May 15, 2015 stating that is not a notable property from a planning perspective. It is close to a floodplain, so if it is blighted I would not be opposed to demolishing it and reducing the amount of impervious surface in that area.

E&A Action: Jeremy Pelletier will contact Wells Fargo to see if they would pay for a pre-demolition survey of the property. Wells Fargo increased seller concessions to \$20,000 to cover the cost of a pre-demolition survey.

Motion to approve the acceptance of 16 Second Street and \$20,000 in lieu of property disposition.

Moved Shager, seconded by Frank.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Perkins, Kellogg, Shager, Frank, David

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment meeting held on June 3, 2015.

Motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2015.

Moved by Shager, seconded by Frank.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0)

Ayes: Perkins, Kellogg, Shager, Frank, David

Nays: None

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 11:23am.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Kellogg.

Voice vote, none opposed.